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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/830,968; § 371 Date: November 6, 2001  
For: **Method for the Massive Culture of Cells Producing Recombinant  
Human Erythropoietin**  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form;
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3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
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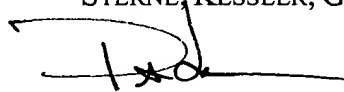
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